

Saint Gabriel Catholic Community

At St. Paul Church in Franklin
At St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Tilton

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Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday from 9AM - 4PM

Food Pantry

Monday & Friday from 9AM – Noon (Tilton)

Join us in prayer

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM (Franklin) & 6:00PM (Tilton)
Sunday at 8:30AM (Tilton) & 10:30AM (Franklin)

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00AM in Franklin

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:15PM (Franklin) & 5:15PM (Tilton)

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 1:15 to 3:15PM (Tilton)
Second Sunday of the Month from 3:00–4:00PM (Franklin)

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

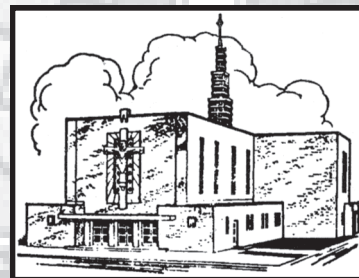
Please call the office to request the Sacrament of Anointing or homebound visits.

Baptism–Marriage

Call the Parish Office to schedule instruction and the ceremony



St. Mary



St. Paul

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12 & 13, 2015



The collection for the **Retirement Fund for the Religious** is this Sunday. The collection provides for the support of retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the U. S. They have given so much to us, please be as generous as you can!



Our Adult Advent Program — ‘Having Mercy’—final session is this Thursday/Friday December 17/18. Even if you did not attend the first two sessions, please join us for the final session. ***This is a better Christmas preparation than hours of decorating, baking, shopping, caroling,***

and partying!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun	Dec 13	9:00 AM	Religious Education (K-8)
Sun	Dec 13	10:30 AM	Installation of New Eucharistic Ministers
Sun	Dec 13	Choir Practice after morning Masses (T) (F)	
Sun	Dec 13	3:00 PM	Holy Hour (F)
Sun	Dec 13	Confirmation—Christmas Project	
Mon	Dec 14	7:00 PM	RCIA: Christmas Social in Franklin Rectory (F)
Tues	Dec 15	1:00 PM	Communion @ Golden Crest & Mt. Ridge
Tues	Dec 15	1:15 PM	Adoration (T)
Tues	Dec 15	2:00 PM	Mass @ MCNH
Tues.	Dec. 15	7:00 PM	Pastoral Council Christmas
Thurs	Dec 17	6:30 / 7:00 till 8:00PM	Bread & Soup / Advent Program Session #3 (T)
Fri	Dec 18	8:45 / 9:00 till 9:45AM	Coffee & Danish / Advent Program Session #3 (F)
Fri	Dec 18	10:00 AM	Mass @ NHVH
Sun	Dec 20	9:00 AM	Religious Education (K-8) (F)
Sun	Dec 20	Choir Practice after morning Masses (T) (F)	
Sun	Dec 20	3:00 PM	Reconciliation Service
Mon	Dec 21	6:00 PM	Confessions in Tilton
Mon	Dec 21	7:00 PM	Confessions in Franklin

PARISH FINANCES

Offering Last Week	Dec 06
Loose Money	681.50
In Envelopes	4,479.00
Building Fund & Fuel	726.00
Masses	290.00
Candles & Memorials	74.00
Food Pantry	100.00
Donations—Mercy Meal	200.00
Fund Raising	45.00
Christmas Flowers	93.00
TOTAL FOR PARISH	6,688.50
Catholic University	36.00
Retired Religious	5.00

FROM THE ‘RELECTIONS BY POPE FRANCIS FOR LIVING THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY SEASON BY SEASON’:

Advent—Waiting to Encounter Mercy Incarnate
In the life of every Christian there is an experience of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ who called us to follow him and share his mission. We must learn to treasure in our hearts the living memory of that call, when Jesus passed my way, gazed at me with mercy and asked me to follow him. Try to revive the memory of that moment when his eyes met yours., the moment when he made you realize that he loved you. But do I remember it? Have I forgotten it? Have I gone off paths that made me forget it? Lord, help me , for you know that I want to encounter you and let myself be embraced by your mercy.



*Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent season in expectation of the Lord. For Advent is indeed a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast of Christmas, but also, each one, in our own hearts. **The merciful Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!***

Thank You Thank you to the **Thibault-Neun Funeral Home of Franklin** and the **Paquette-Neun Funeral Home of Northfield** for their continued generosity. The Parish Calendars are now available at the entrances of both churches.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat.	December 12	Anticipated Masses 4:00 PM (F) Rita Menard by Gloria & Sam Davis (B'Day) 6:00 PM (T) Stanley & Lottie Puhalski by Carol
Sun.	December 13	Third Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM (T) Chester & Dolores Davidson by the Family 10:30 AM (F) Lorraine & Frank Bonk by Jean Carignan & Fam
Mon.	December 14	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor 8:00 AM (F) Parishioner Intentions
Tues.	December 15	Advent Weekday 8:00 AM (F) Thomas Paquette by the Family
Wed.	December 16	Advent Weekday 8:00 AM (F) Gene Banton by Meri-lynn (B'Day)
Thurs.	December 17	Late Advent Weekday No Mass
Fri.	December 18	Late Advent Weekday 8:00 AM (F) Noella Robida Kirouac by her Mother & Sisters
Sat.	December 19	Anticipated Masses 4:00 PM (F) Shawn Laughy by his Mother & Family 6:00 PM (T) Theresa Ottmeier by Rachel & Jesse Carroll
Sun.	December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM (T) Richard Colby by his daughter & Friend 10:30 AM (F) Cindy Laughy Merchant by her Family

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Giving advice. In today's gospel, John the Baptist is telling everyone what they need to do to prepare for the Savior's arrival. We know a lot of people who stress out at this time of year and could use some advice on how to get through the holidays with their sanity and budget intact. And we'd love to help them. But how do you tell someone not to bother sending out Christmas cards when they'll be getting one from you? Or to keep their decorations simple when your house glows for miles? How do you convince them not to get you a Christmas gift when you show up with "a little something I got you"? In other words, you're telling people: "Do what I say, not what I do!" And everyone know how valid that kind of advice can be. When we start placing more emphasis on prayer, outreach to the poor, visits to the lonely and forgotten,

scripture reading and other spiritual endeavors, we'll become more credible. When we downsize our greeting card list, our decorating plan and our gift list, we can credibly advise others to do the same. Sad to say, Christmas has been hijacked by big business and Hollywood and it is quickly losing its core Christian message. Last week, a Christmas tree became a "holiday tree"! The only way to reclaim it is if each one of us stops buying into the commercialism and shallow festivity that have unfortunately come to define our observance of the Lord's coming to earth to save us. His birth can inspire us to celebrate but it won't mean much if we lose sight of what we are celebrating.

One mightier
than I is
coming



Sanctuary Lamp



From this Sunday thru next Saturday, the sanctuary lamp in church will burn in memory of:

St. Paul's: Roger & Dora Leroux by Jamie & Bill Lindstrom

St. Mary's: Beloved Deceased of Theresa Gill

ST. GABRIEL'S PRAYER LINE

If you'd like to call in your prayer requests, this month's contact is **Carol Seeley at 520-5235** You can also write in your request in the book at either church.

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

William Joscelyn

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December: *That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.*

Liturgical Ministers - Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19 & 20, 2015

	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Servers	Marilyn Plourde Maurice Laroche	Chet Kulus	Tim Harmon Meghan Harmon	James & Jesse Potter Rebecca Emery
Lectors	Mark Williams Tim Stangroom	Linda Cass	Donna Harmon	Meri-lynn Banton Ken Merrifield
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom (H) Leo St. Pierre (H) Joan St. Pierre (C) Jack Manning (C)	John Bruno (C) Margaret Lohmann (C)	Deacon Tom (H) Bob White (C) Ceil White (C)	Donna Bickford (H) Doug Bickford (H) Marty Russo (C) Kathie Russo (C)
Greeters	Betty Meyerhoefer Forest Connie Bette Femenella			Dot Ackerman



Council #12147 has their web site up and running. www.franklinknights.org - Check it out!



ST. GABRIEL CHOIR is practicing for the Christmas services. Practices are held after the Sunday morning masses in Tilton and Franklin. *If you have the "gift" why not come share it!* Practices are scheduled for December 13th, and 20th.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to donate toward our Christmas flowers, use the envelope provided. If you do not use the parish envelopes, just put a donation in a plain envelope marked "Christmas Flowers". If you would like your donation to be in memory of loved ones, please write their names on the envelope.



*Thank you for your response to the **St. Gabriel Angel Trees!** Gifts should be wrapped and returned to the Parish Office by December 17. Please put the 'Angel' on the wrapped gift (or at least mark the child's name and age). If you have any questions, please call Claire in the office—934-5013. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated and provides for those who would have to go without.*



The lights are on in Enfield! **"Enter the Door of Mercy!"** Lights will be on nightly from December 4th thru December 31st from 5 PM to 9 PM. Donations are accepted and you can bring non-perishable items for the local food bank. For more information visit www.lasaletteofenfield.org or call 603-632-7087.



Our 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve (in Franklin) is a Children's Liturgy. All children of the parish are invited to participate in the program. Bring your children dressed as shepherds and angels. We do have some shepherd crooks and wings available. Bring the "shepherds and angels" to the chapel area no later than 3:45 PM.



St. Gabriel Parish will Travel: We are still finalizing the plans for next year's trip to Washington D.C. We will be traveling Thursday June 23 to Monday June 27. It is a bus trip with the option to travel by train. There will be a flyer in the bulletin as soon as the plans are completed.



CATHOLIC SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Knights of Columbus

St. Mary of the Assumption

Council #11868

Grand Knight: Aaron Boudreau 998-2806

Bishop Leo O'Neil

Council #12147 (Franklin)

Grand Knight: Tim Stangroom 934-6782

Fr. A.J. Timon Assembly #638 (4th Degree)

Faithful Navigator: Omer Ahern 536-2224

At www.franklinknights.org

Catholic Schools

Holy Trinity School (Pre-K to 8)

50 Church Street Laconia, NH

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Web: www.holytrinity.pvt.k12.nh.us

Phone: 524-3156



St. John Regional School

(Pre-K to 8)

61 S. State Street

Concord, NH 03301

Web: www.stjohnregional.org — Phone: 225-3222

Bishop Brady High School (9 to 12)

25 Columbus Ave Concord, NH 03301

Web: www.bishopbrady.edu —

Phone: 224-7418



Catholic Charities

Laconia District Office

528-3035

17 Gilford Ave., Laconia, 03246

Counseling - Elderly Services - Adoption/Maternity

Parish Nurse - Children's Home - Food Bank

St. Francis Rehabilitation

& Nursing Center

406 Court St., Laconia, NH 03246

Phone: 524-0466



Parish Outreach

Franklin Regional Hospital

Leo St. Pierre

At Merrimack County Nursing Home

Meri-lynn Banton - Janet Jurta

NH Veterans Home

Rev. Ray Gagnon - Steve Archambault

Mt. Ridge Nursing Home

Nancy Carr - Mildred Sullivan - Chrissy Avila

Golden Crest Senior Resort

Nancy Carr - Mildred Sullivan

At Peabody Home

Angela Mundy



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